



Municipal Buildings
Withernsea
24th. May 1938.

To The Chairman & Members of
The Withernsea Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the ANNUAL REPORT on the Health and Sanitary Administration and Housing conditions of the District for the year 1937.

The Population is estimated by the Registrar General as 3842, a decrease of 75 persons from last year's estimate.

The Birth Rate of 9.37 per 1000 population, shows a decrease of 1.6 per 1000, as compared with last year, and of a 1/2 with the year previous. The Birth rate for England & Wales is 14.9 for 1937.

The Death Rate of 15.35 per 1000 population is .85 per 1000 higher than last year, but not quite as high as the 15.9 rate for 1935. The Death Rate for England & Wales is 12.4 for 1937.

We have therefore fewer babies born and more people dying than last year.

The Infant Mortality Rate is high this year viz. 111 per 1000 live births as compared with 23.25 for the last two years. None of these infants were illegitimate. This high rate has not the same significance in Withernsea, a small District with a low birth rate, as it would have in a large town, for in the former area, an additional death increases the rate enormously, owing to the small number upon which the calculation is made. The rate for England & Wales this year is 58, and was 59 in 1935. Turning to the other side of the picture, it is pleasant to be able to report, as for last year, that no Mother died in or as the result of childbirth : that no cases of Typhoid Fever occurred : and that there were no deaths from Epidemic Disease.

Infectious Disease Notification. Six cases of notifiable infectious disease were reported. This is the lowest number notified for the past twenty years and easily a record for Withernsea as far as can be ascertained.

Infectious Disease Prevention. In consequence of an outbreak of Diphtheria in an adjacent District, from where many children attended the Withernsea School, the Council approved of an Immunisation Scheme free to all children between the ages of two and sixteen, and to those attending School. About 460 Withernsea children received their first immunising injection. It is estimated that about 80% of all children took advantage of the Scheme, and although figures are not yet available, it is hoped that over 95% of these will show a positive immunity as the result of the concluding Schick Test which is an essential part of the Scheme.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support throughout the year.

Your obedient servant
F.R.Cripps.

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SUMMARY of the REPORT for the year 1937.

Average height above Sea level.....	15 feet.
Area of Urban District.....	882 acres.
Population - 1931 census.....	4251
do - estimated 1935 mid-year.....	3963
do - 1936 ditto	3917
do - 1937 ditto	3842

Excess of Births over Deaths.....	decrease.....	23
Number of houses occupied Dec.31/1936.....	about...	1450
ditto. ditto 1937.....	about...	1450

Rateable Value.....	£24734
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£91.11.11.

<u>Births.</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.....	14	21	35
Illegitimate.....	1	--	1
	<u>15</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>36</u>

Birth rate per 1000 population.....	9.37
Still-births.....	Nil.

Deaths.....Males 27...Females 32...Total 59

Death rate...15135 per 1000 population(adjusted by C.F.- 12.74)

Death rate of Infants under One year.

All Infants per 1000 live births.....	111
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live#births...	114
Illegitimate ditto illegitimate ditto	Nil

<u>Deaths</u> from Measles(all ages).....	Nil
do Whooping Cough(all ages).....	Nil
do Diarrhoea(under 2) I.M.....	0.26
do Diphtheria(all ages).....	Nil

<u>Death rate</u> Pulmonary Tuberculosis(4).....	1.04
Zymolic Diseases.....	Nil
Heart Disease(17).....	4.42
Cancer(6).....	1.56
Respiratory Disease(10).....	2.6

Infectious Disease	Notified cases.	case rate per 1000 popl.	Deaths.	Death rate.
Scarlet Fever.....	2	0.5	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria.....	2	0.5	Nil	Nil
Typhoid Fever.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pulmonary Tuberculosis..	5 (f)	1.3	4	1.04
Erysepelas.....	1	0.26	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia.....	1	0.26	Nil	Nil
Non-Pulm. Tuberculosis..	2	0.5	1	0.26

There were three cases of Senile or terminal Pneumonia occurring as the result of these diseases.

NATURAL and SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area. There is no change since last year

Population. As estimated by the Registrar General for mid-year 1937 is 3842. There has been a continuous fall in the population since the census in 1931 as follows:-

Census.....	1931.....	4251	} showing that the estimated population has decreased by 409 in six years, 1931-1937.
	1932.....	4078	
	1933.....	4019	
	1934.....	3977	
	1935.....	3963	
	1936.....	3917	
	1937.....	3842	

There are no industries connected with the Town. Withernsea serves as a residential area for the neighbouring Town of Hull, and also as a holiday resort for the Midlands. Its bracing East Coast air acts as a tonic and as a sharp contrast to the more enervating climate of the West Coast.

Rateable Value. The rateable value of the District is £24734, and a penny rate produces £91.11.11. The general rate for 1937/38 is 12/6 in the pound.

VITAL STATISTICS.

There are approximately 4½ persons to the acre in the Urban District. There are no overcrowded areas, and there are several open spaces which are not built upon, a Golf Course and Tennis Courts. There are about 1500 houses in the District of which approximately 1450 are occupied.

Birth rate. The number of live-births registered were 36 as compared with 43 last year, a decrease of 7. Last year, a gain of 4 was noted. The excess of births over deaths, or the 'natural increase' of population was in fact a decrease and has continued for some years.

year.	births	birth-rate	deaths	death-rate	natural increase in population.
1931	56	13.90	65	15.90	----
1932	45	11.03	65	15.95	25 decrease.
1933	50	12.44	69	17.16	19 do
1934	43	10.75	56	14.00	13 do
1935	39	9.84	63	15.90	24 do
1936	43	10.97	57	14.50	14 do
1937	36	9.37	59	15.35	23 do
AVERAGE.....		11.19		15.54	

The Birth Rate for 1937 is 9.37, 1.6 per 1000 less than last year, and 1.82 less than the average for the last seven years. The Birth rate for the Rural Districts of the County of East Yorks. was 14.6 for 1935 and 15.3 for 1936. The birth rate for England & Wales was 14.9 for 1937.

Illegitimate Births. One illegitimate Male birth was registered, and this was not of a resident. The illegitimate birth rate was 0.26 per 1000 population. There were no still births, either legitimate or illegitimate.

DEATH RATE from all causes(all ages) per 1000 population.
The total number of deaths registered in 1937 was 59 including 14 deaths of residents dying outside the District(e.g. in Hospitals) and excluding 3 non-residents who happened to die in our District.
They consist of 27 Males and 32 Females.

year.	M.	F.	Total.	Death rate.	Death rate adjusted by A.C.F.	Death rate Rural Areas E.Riding.
1935			63	15.9		11.7
1936	26	31	57	14.50	12.0	11.8
1937	27	32	59	15.35	12.7	

The Death rate for the year is 15.35, an increase of 0.85 per 1000 over last year, but a little less than the year before. The death rate for England & Wales for 1937 is 12.4, the same as for the East Riding of Yorkshire in 1936.

The analysis of the deaths in the four quarters of the year shows.

	M	F	Total.	All Infants under one year.			
				legit.	illegit.		
1st.qr.	7	7	14	M-	-	-	total
2nd. qu.	7	12	19	2	2	-	4
3rd. qu.	5	9	14	-	-	-	-
4th.qu.	8	4	12	-	-	-	-
	<u>27</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>

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The principal causes of death and their rates per 1000 population.

DISEASE.	Male	Female	Total	% of total deaths(59)	Rate
Heart Disease.	8	9	17	30%	4.42
Cancer....	4	2	6	10%	1.56
Respiratory Disease...	5	5	10	17%	2.60
Pulm.Tuber.	2	2	4	7%	1.04
Other forms Tuber.....	1	0	1	1.7%	0.26
Congen Dis) Prem.birth).	0	2	2	3.5%	0.52
Epidemic Disease.	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza.	-	1	1	1.7%	0.26
other diss.	7	11	18	31%	4.50.

DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN UNDER ONE YEAR

In 1937, 4 infants died, 2 male and 2 female, all legitimate, giving a mortality rate of 111 per 1000 live births as compared with 1 and 23.25 respectively for the last two years. The rate for England & Wales is 58. The average rate for the Urban Districts of the East Riding for the last ten years is 59.

Prevalence and control over Infectious and other Diseases, under the Infectious Diseases Notification Act.

The number of deaths due to the seven principal epidemic diseases viz. Small pox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Typhoid Fever and Infantile Diarrhoea, was one, giving a death rate of 0.26 per 1000 population - one male of 3 months dying in May from Gastro-enteritis.

There were six cases of Infectious Disease notified as compared with 16 last year, as follows:-

	No.	Rate per 1000.	Sent to Isolation Hospital.	Died.
Scarlet Fever	2	0.5	2	Nil
Diphtheria	2	0.5	1	Nil
Pneumonia	1	0.26	0	Nil
Erysipelas	1	0.26	0	Nil

Small Pox and Enteric Fever. No cases were notified in 1937. The last cases of these dread diseases notified, were three cases of Small Pox in 1924 and 2 cases of Enteric Fever in 1925.

Scarlet Fever. 2 cases were notified as compared with 5 cases last year. Both were sent to the Isolation Hospital.

Diphtheria. 2 cases were notified as compared with three cases last year. One of these cases occurred in a non-resident, a patient at the Convalescent Home.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum. No cases were notified.

Euerperal Fever and Pyrexia. No cases were notified.

Isolation Hospital. There has been no change in the arrangements as for the previous year

Tuberculosis During 1937, 7 new cases of Tuberculosis were notified, 5 pulmonary(all Female) and 2 non-pulmonary(one male and one female), as compared with 7 cases(all Pulmonary) in 1936 and 7 cases in 1935. The 5 Pulmonary cases were all females - 4 were between the ages of 28 and 31 i.e. 80%

There were 5 deaths. 4 were due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis(2 male and 2 female) and one male to Non-Pulmonary disease.

The total death rate from Tuberculosis was 1.3 per 1000 population and 8.7% of all deaths were due to Tuberculosis.

AGE	New cases				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulm.		Pulmonary		non-Pulm.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-
35 - 45	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-

SECTION ' C '

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

WATER SUPPLY. Since February 1916, the public water supply has been obtained under Contract from the Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation. The water is brought in pipes to a Water Tower situated about 2½ miles outside the District and is thence distributed by gravity throughout the District. The supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity. The total amount of water supplied during the year was 38,430,000 gallons.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. 15 earth closets have been converted to the water carriage system during the year, leaving 50 unconverted. There are, however, 198 earth closets connected with various Camps in the District.

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE REFUSE AND NIGHTSOIL. 774 loads of house refuse and 134½ loads of shop refuse weighing 1195 tons, 5 cwts. 1 qr. and 150 tons, 12 cwts respectively were collected by the two-ton Bedford covered Motor Vehicle, and dealt with at the Incinerator Station, and 22 tons, 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs. of baled tins, 3 tons, 6 cwt. 3 qrs. of light scrap, 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs. of aluminium and 1 cwt. 5 qrs. 6 lbs. of brass were sold.

The nightsoil from the houses and camps was collected in a tank fitted into the Motor vehicle and deposited outside the Urban District on a farm.

SWIMMING BATHS. The Council possesses an Open Air Swimming Bath which is filled with sea water as required and treated with 'Chloros'. There are no privately owned Swimming Baths or Pools in the Urban Area.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS. One house, privately owned, was disinfested of bed bugs. The method adopted was by the removal of the skirting boards and spraying the walls and crevices with an insecticide spray.

WORKSHOPS The following Workshops & Factories are on the Register.

Factories.....	Nil
Laundries.....	Nil
Joiners & Builders.....	3
Letter Press & Printing Works.....	1
Garages.....	4
Coal Gas Manufacture.....	1
Ice-cream.....	2
Mineral Waters.....	1
Bakeries.....	4

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The sanitary conditions of the lavatories were found to be in a satisfactory condition and the Abstract of Factories & Workshops was found to be duly posted.

SECTION ' D ' - HOUSING.

In 1936, the Council decided to build two houses of the two-bedroom non-parlour type and two, one-bedroom and one living-room bungalows to rehouse displaced persons in houses to be demolished. Plans and specifications were prepared and the Council contracted with a Builder to construct the dwellings in December 1937.

11 New houses were erected during the year, connected to the sewer and to the water main.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:-

- (1) (a) Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)..... 50
- (b) No. of inspections made for the purpose..... 150
- (2) (a) No. of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925)..... 44
- (b) No. of inspections made for the purpose..... 88
- (3) No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... Nil

- (4) No. of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation..... 44

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notice.

- No. of defective dwellings rendered fit in consequence of Informal Action by the L.A. or their Officers..... 37

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

- (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 & 16 of the Housing Act 1936.
- (1) No of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs..... Nil
- (2) No of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-
- (a) By Owners..... Nil
- (b) By L.A. in default of Owners..... Nil
- (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.
- (1) No of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..... 44
- (2) No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-
- (a) By Owners..... 7
- (b) By L.A. in default of Owners..... Nil
- (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act. 1936.
- (1) No of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition Orders were made..... 7
- (2) No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders..... Nil
- (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936.
- (1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made..... Nil
- (2) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit..... Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding.

- (a) No. of dwellings overcrowding at the end of the year..... Nil
- (b) No. of new cases of Overcrowding reported during the year..... Nil
- (c) (1) No of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year..... 2
- (2) No. of persons concerned in such cases..... 13½

SECTION 'E'. INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply There are 15 Purveyors of Milk on the Register.
One Supplementary Licence for the sale of
Pasteurised Milk was issued.

Cowsheds There are 5 cowsheds in the Urban Area. Three
defects were found and remedied.

Slaughterhouses There are 2 Licenced Slaughterhouses in the
Urban Area. One defect was found and remedied.

Meat Inspection No carcase was found to be affected with
any disease.

